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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EFIS, PFOR, MARR, NATO, IC, UK

SUBJECT: UK/ICELAND FISHERIES DISPUTE: REQUEST FOR  
PATROL VESSELS

REF: (A) STATE 80134

(B) TELCON IRVING/PINKNEY APRIL 4, 1976

1. IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING FROM REFTELCON THAT PM  
HALLGRIMSSON WISHES TO HOLD INFORMATION IN REFTEL A  
STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL BETWEEN HIMSELF AND AMBASSADOR.  
THEREFORE, WE WILL CONTINUE TO PUT OFF ANY RESPONSE TO  
ICELANDIC EMBASSY HERE TO REQUEST FOR FAST PATROL BOATS  
PASSED TO US BY AMBASSADOR KROYER UNTIL YOU JUDGE THAT  
THE TIME IS RIGHT.

2. WE CONCUR THAT PRELIMINARY USG RESPONSE SUGGESTED BY  
HALLGRIMSSON IS APPROPRIATE WAY TO INITIATE VISIT BY  
ICELANDIC COAST GUARD TEAM TO PRIVATE MANUFACTURERS.  
PLEASE CONVEY FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO HALLGRIMSSON AS SOON AS  
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POSSIBLE IF, IN YOUR JUDGEMENT, THIS SOMEWHAT REVISED

VERSION WILL BE ACCEPTABLE TO HIM: "IN CONNECTION WITH THE EARLIER REQUEST BY THE GOVERNMENT OF ICELAND RELATING TO

THE AVAILABILITY OF A COUPLE OF FAST PATROL BOATS, PREFERABLY OF THE ASHEVILLE CLASS, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT DOES NOT CURRENTLY HAVE ANY SUCH BOATS AVAILABLE FOR TRANSFER. THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IS WILLING TO PUT AN ICELANDIC COAST GUARD TEAM IN TOUCH WITH PRIVATE MANUFACTURERS, AND, IN THIS CONNECTION, THE GOVERNMENT WILL PERMIT INSPECTION OF A US ASHEVILLE, AS WELL AS PROVIDE TO THE TEAM COST AND OTHER OPERATING DATA ON THE VESSEL. SUCH A VISIT WOULD BE WITHOUT ANY OBLIGATION ON THE PART OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT. THE GOVERNMENT OF ICELAND MAY, AT ITS OWN DISCRETION, SEND A TEAM TO UNDERTAKE SUCH A STUDY."

3. PLEASE INFORM US OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S REACTION AT ONCE SO THAT THE NECESSARY STEPS CAN BE TAKEN TO PUT THE COAST GUARD TEAM ON THE RIGHT TRACK IF THAT IS THE DECISION. KISSINGER

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